IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-28 (Cancelled).

29. (New) An apparatus for treating images by combining data of the images into data of a composite image, the apparatus comprising:

an image recording device for storing the respective data of the images; and

an image combining device for combining the data of the images, input from the image recording device, into the data of the composite image and outputting the data of the composite image, wherein:

information for identifying an ordered turn number of each of the images stored in the image recording device is attached to the corresponding data of the image, and

the information for identifying the turn number of each of a plurality of the stored images corresponds to a respective code identifying a recording area for storing the corresponding data of the image in the image recording device.

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30. (New) An apparatus for treating images by combining data of the images into data of a composite image, the apparatus comprising:

an image input device for reading each of the images to be converted to the data of the image;

an image recording device for storing the respective data of the images;

an image combining device for combining the data of the images, input from the image recording device, into the data of the composite image and outputting the data of the composite image; and

a printing device for printing the composite image on a work-piece, on the basis of the data of the composite image, wherein:

the image input device includes picture elements, each of which picture elements reads a part of each image to be converted,

an area of the part of each image to be read by each picture element is changeable in accordance with at least one of a dimension of the composite image to be printed and a dimension of each image to be read, so that the images are included in the composite image.